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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2006, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and appended remarks. Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 5, 2006, now set to expire October 5, 2006. Form PTO-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing the charge of $450.00 to cover the fee for a two-month extension.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 12 of this paper.

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